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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

JAKOB ET AL

Application Serial No.: 09/961,395

Filed: September 25, 2001

Title: GRANULAR SODIUM CARBONATE OBTAINED BY FLUID-BED SPRAY GRANULATION  
AND A PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION

Group Art Unit: 1754

Examiner: LISH, P.J.

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 4, 2005, Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. A petition for a three-month extension of time and authorization to charge the requisite fee is included with this response.

A complete listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.